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Nine times out of ten, when confronted with a problem which requires a little thinking, I talk with Dr. W. W. Stout, Easton Kng and then sort of take it to the Lord in the hope that Doc and Easton and I have made a sound decision.

There are times, of course, that to consult the Lord, Doc, or Easton would be a waste of time. The decision to turn the paper into a tabloid size is one of those times.

There were several factors to take into consideration, from my point of view. The financial view was, in itself, sufficient. In addition, for over a year now I've been working on an idea for a book. To date, I've accomplished one thing: I've decided on the title. By cutting back the amount of copy for the paper, I hope to have time to do a little work on the book.

Also, there was the consideration of money. (To think that I should put it second!) But, the fact is, advertising ain't what it used to be and I had one of two alternatives: To reduce costs or increase income. Why say more?

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Now, as to the question of whether you get back half of your money, in view of the fact that you are getting half as much newsprint. Well, refunds will be made on certain conditions. Well, really, on one condition, which is: If you can furnish proof of

Well, Some Do Say That—

The South Needs A Press Agent

The State, published at Columbia, S. C., thinks that the South needs a good press agent to put the South's story before the people of the North, East and West. Said The State:

People outside the South do not have a true picture of this area. Some of this is due to ignorance but much of it is due to deliberate falsification.

Convincing evidence that the South needs to get its story told is found in the fact that seldom does a person from elsewhere visit down here that he or she isn't surprised to find conditions entirely unlike what was expected. And few of them go away without changed attitudes.

This newspaper several years ago suggested that there should be a concerted effort to present the story of the South as it is, not as it is distorted by unfriendly, biased and selfish interests whose main purpose in life is to stir up trouble.

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Those named above are a few of those (except MR. KILPATRICK) who have tried to get across written and spoken defenses of the South's way of life (whatever that is) in moderately non-suffocating language.

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But they are drowned out by other press agents who have painted an indelible picture of the South in the minds of American (not Southern) people, and the peoples of other countries of the world.

We will name a few of these:

The governor of Georgia, HERMAN TALMADGE and MARVIN GRIFFIN of Georgia. We include EUGENE COOK and ROY HARRIS of Georgia, and the Georgia legislature, the state's newest insane asylum.

The same for Alabama, including the **Montgomery Advertiser** and the city officials of Montgomery and Birmingham.

The irreconcilable political machinists in the Virginia's legislature and GOVERNOR THOMAS B. STANLEY, their director.

The governor of South Carolina, the legislature, the ex-governor and all of the law enforcement officers of the state who can catch in three hours six kluxers who beat up a white school teacher, but can't catch any of those who burned eleven Negro churches in three months.

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The South's story is told every hour of every day by some murderous act

PTA Holds Regular Meet

East Forrest PTA held its March meeting in the school cafeteria in Petal with Mrs. Cary Gunn presiding in the absence of Mrs. James Ware, president.

A business session was held and the renovation of the stage in the grammar school was discussed. A committee was appointed to investigate the sponsoring of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. This committee is composed of Mrs. J. D. McElhaney, chairman, Mrs. Q. H. Dickerson and Mrs. Frank Cargo.

It was announced that the preschool round-up of children who will enter school next year will be held April 19. It was requested that names be sent in to Mr. Smith of all children who will enter school next year.

The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Q. H. Dickerson, Mrs. Preston Cross and Mrs. Arthur Byrd presented the following as officers for next year: Mrs. Sam Waggener, first vice president; Mrs. Earl Cross, secretary; Mrs. Frank Cargo, treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Ratcliff, reporter. It was voted to accept the above mentioned as officers. The offices of president and second vice president will be elected at the next meeting.

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Anyway, the decision has been made. And that's all there is to that.

Alice In Justiceland

"Why are those men locked up in that awful bullpen?" asked Alice, a sympathetic tear in her eye.

"They've been guilty of free speech," the White Knight explained.

"Don't tease me," Alice pleaded. "You can't be charged with free speech."

"Who said they'd been charged with free speach?" demanded the White Knight. "They aren't charged wth anything of the sort. Free speech is only what they've been guilty of."

"Well, then," Alice protested, "what is the charge against them,"

"They're charged with being vagrants."

"But they aren't vagrants," Alice protested.

"Of course not. But you can't deny that they are guilty of free speech."

"I thought a tramp was the only person who could be charged with vagrancy," Alice insisted.

"How naive you are!" said the White Knight scornfully. "Tramps are never charged with vagrancy."

"What are they charged with, then?" Alice inquired.

"With burglary."

"But they aren't necessarily guilty of burglary."

"Perhaps not. But they are guilty of vagrancy. And, if you give them the proper treatment, they'll plead guilty to anything. I've got you there!" said the White Knight triumphantly.

"Well then, Alice resumed, after she had thought a while, "am

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The Charleston News and Courier. Its editor-in-chief has spoken in the North and written in magazines of national circulation in what we call an indefatigable effort to get over the South's story.

MR. VIRGINIUS DABNEY, editor of the Richmond **Times-Dispatch**, who has done the same in years past.

MR. JACK KILPATRICK, editor of the Richmond **News Leader**, whose voice can be heard from Richmond to Boston on any afternoon. He is the co-father of "interposition."

MR. DON SHOEMAKER, former editor of the Asheville (N. C.) **Citizen**, now director of the Southern Education Reporting Serivce, who gave the South's story in his own words at the University of Michigan recently, and who gives the pro-segregationist fanatics a sounding board monthly in **Southern School News.**

The editor of the **Nashville** (Tenn.) **Banner.**

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The South's story is told every hour of every day by some murderous act against inoffensive Negroes. Crimes that go unpunished.

It is told by the beating and shooting of Negro women for riding on buses.

It is told by the murder of Negro ministers (as in Mississippi) and the dynamiting of their churches and homes, as in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississppi and Louisiana.

It was retold a few days ago when a dynamite blast wrecked 20 homes in Clinton, Tenn., and seriously injured a woman and child. The dynamiter (seen and described to police in detail) is as free as a bird and is waiting for another assignment.

That is the South's story. There is nothing in human history that has been told so many times and in so many languages. But the story does not represent all of the people of the South. There are thousands of white people who do not approve of what is going on; but their names cannot be revealed now, in interest of their own safety.

(Journal & Guide)

It Should Be Kept In Mind That—

There Are Good And Bad Unionists

The public hearings of the Select Committee on Labor and Management Practices, Senator McClellan chairman, will be supercharged with consequence—for labor, the public and the political future of the members of the committee themselves. The committee plans to reveal evidence of alleged racketeering and corruption which Senate committee investigators have been dredging up from the deep and dark areas of union activities for many months past. A great deal of it is known to be sensational.

We applaud the committee's determination to get to the bottom of labor union wrongdoing and we hope nothing will deflect it. But a word of caution is now needed. The day-by-day display of questionable conduct, without comparable evidence of commendable behavior, is bound to give an impression of union operations as a whole that is far removed from actuality.

The public will do well to keep in mind the certain, though unmeasurable, fact that the number of rotten apples in labor's barrel is small compared with those that are sound. And to say this is not to minimize the danger of contamination or the necessity of rooting out the source. It should also be remembered that organized labor is fully committed to that task on its own and to cooperation with the McClellan committee. Th[illegible]-C.I.O.'s recently promulgated code of ethics and the forthright action it has already taken against affiliates charged with violations give additional evidence of labor's re[illegible]ade. [illegible] strength to those efforts as well.

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Piano Workshop Set At MSC July 8-12th

Rudolf Ganz, eminent Swiss-American concert pianist, conductor, composer and teacher, will be guest consultant for the third annual piano workshop at Mississippi Southern College July 8-12.

The five-day workshop will be conducted in Southern's new air-conditioned Marsh Fine Arts Building, and will offer undergraduate and graduate students up to one and one-half quarter hours credit.

Dr. Ganz, who has been described as "a musician whose personal distinction permeates everything he touches", needs little or no introduction in any part of the musical world. A Chicago resident, president of the Chicago Musical College, Dr. Ganz's awards include honorary degrees of Doctor of Music from the Cincinnati Conservatory, the University of Rochester, De Paul University, and Grinnell College.

During the course of the workshop Dr. Ganz will conduct daily classes and will be available for private piano lessons. In addition, a piano seminar composed of members of the piano faculty at Mississippi Southern will be conducted for an additional twelve hours of class study.

All interested persons are requested to direct their inquiries to Mr. Joseph Huck, Box 138, Station A, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Ethan Allen is usually credited with establishing the iron industry in Vermont. In truth, it was Matthew Lyon who built the state's first iron works at Fair Haven in 1785. Smart man, he tried to impose a duty on iron nails coming into the state.

East Side . . .

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I to understand that, if you are guilty of one thing, you are accused of something else?"

"I beg pardon," replied the Knight haughtily, "I am not guilty of anything."

"I used the word 'you'," Alice explained, "only because one gets confused if one uses 'one' in one's sentences."

"Objection overruled and sentence confirmed!" thundered the White Knight. "Anwer yes or no!"

"Answer yes or no to what?" inquired Alice.

"To the charge."

"But I'm not charged with anything," Alice pleaded.

"Perhaps not, but you will be if you aren't careful."

"Why?" asked Alice.

"Because you have shown an interest in men accused of a crime."

"But that's no crime," Alice demonstrated.

"Not a crime exactly, but it can be officially inconvenient," the Knight explained.

"I hope you won't get vexed with me," Alice ventured apologetically. "I'm really quite interested in this system and I'd like to know more about it."

"You'd better choose your words more carefully," the Knight said warningly. "You sound like a sympathizer. If I thought you were, I'd be compelled, as a patriotic citizen, to have you arrested on a charge of resisting arrest."

"But I haven't resisted arrest," Alice objected.

"If a policeman tried to arrest you on a charge of resisting arrest, wouldn't you protest?" the White Knight asked.

"Of course."

"You see — you're guilty already!"

"Let's change the subject," said Alice, just a bit exasperated. "Who is the man sitting in that double-barred cell?"

"That," replied the White Knight, "is a Dangerous Criminal."

"Oh!" explained Alice, startled. "Did he kill somebody?"

"Oh, no. He's more dangerous than that. He's a Thinker."

"But is it a crime to think?" asked Alice.

"You don't seem to get the idea at all," expostulated the White Knight impatiently. "It's a crime to obstruct traffic."

"Did he obstruct traffic?" Alice inquired.

"No, but he daclared it was ridiculous for a judge to drive to court in an intoxicated condition, and fine men for drunken driving."

"I don't see what that has to do with obstructing traffic," Alice argued.

"That's the beauty of it — it hasn't anything to do with it, which makes it all easier to get a conviction."

"The whole system," said Alice, "looks cockeyed."

"Nothing of the sort" replied the Knight. "It's very sensible. If you hate your neighbor as you love yourself you don't charge him with being a hateful person. You call the police and tell them his automobile is parked without a tail light. That's our system in a nutsheel only we carry it a step farther. We don't have to prove that the tail light was out — only that it might have gone out. By the same line of reasoning, people might gather in groups to discuss the suggestion that a drunken judge should not sentence drunken drivers and they might obstruct traffic."

"It all seems predicated on the word 'might'," observed Alice.

"Precisely," said the White Knight solemnly. "Might makes right. You see, it's like this: It's much easier to convict a man of something he didn't do than to prove that what he was doing was a crime. For example, if a man was handing out union literature, we charge him with littering the streets. If he was picketing, we charge him with loitering. If he's a radical, we charge him with being a bootlegger. If he writes a book on economics that we don't agree with, we arrest him on a charge of obscienty. If he thinks a worker has the same rights to drink as his boss, we lock him up on a charge of violating the Mann Act.

"If the first charge doesn't stick, we try another and, if he appeals, we charge him with something else. That's the advantage of this system. If you charge a man with a crime he really did commit, your prosecution is limited to one count but, if you charge him with something else, you have the whole book of statutes to choose from. If he is acquitted on all counts, we can always have him committed to an asylum. He'll probably have gone insane by that time, anyway."

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"Oh, yes," replied the White Knight. "But the System takes care of those cases too. By that

Riding On The Carrousel

Cyrano, we know.
Cyrano de Bergerac,
Cyrano the Dixiecrat.
We know the arc,
We know the blade,
Which all around the arc
Full three

CWA President Seeks To Extend Wage & Hour Laws

Joseph A. Beirne, Washington, president of the Communications Workers of America has asked Congress to extend minimum wage and maximum hour protection to 22,400 telephone switchboard operators exempted from wage-hour coverage.

Appearing before a Senate labor sub-committee, Beirne said the operator exemption was originally intended to cover only small companies employing "one or two operators," but that under its terms, the $14-billion Bell System as well as "large, prosperous independent companies" are permitted to pay less than the established minimum wage in many locations.

The amendment to the law specifically exempts switchboard operators in exchanges having fewer than 750 telephones. Only operators are exempt, other employees come under the protection of the law. The operators in these exchanges may be worked any number of hours in a week without overtime compeinsation and without regard for minimum wages.

The amendment exempting the operators was lobbied through Congress by the telephone industry in 1939. Persistent union efforts since then have so far failed to persuade Congress to put these switchboard operators back under the law's protection.

Beirne gave the committee exemples where the General Telephone Co.—a billion dollar enterprise—pays as little as 90 and 93 cents an hour. The two examples Beirne cited were in Ohio, a highly industrialized state. General's operations provide service to over 105,000 telephones in 135 central offices in this state alone.

Beirne pointed to recent advertising of the General Tel. Co. where the company points to its rapid growth. Said Beirne:

"The reason such a rapidly growing company can still pay sub-standard wages is because Congress has not eliminated this discriminatory exemption provision from the Fair Labor Standards Act."

Beirne continued:

"The public does not expect a small group of women to subsidize communities to assure them of telephone service. This, these women do when they are paid sub-standard wages. According to telephone management association figures 22,400 women in manual exchanges are exempt by the Wage Act. In reality these women are subsidizing the telephone service of some communities.

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Flowers FOR ALL Occasions

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"Am I to understand then," Alice asked in some bewilderment, "that most of the people in jail are innocent?"

"My dear child," replied the Knight wearily, "everybody is innocent of something."

By Jake Falstaff

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We know the arc,
We know the blade,
Which all around the arc
Full three
Hundred and sixty
Degrees of arc and dignity
Perpetuates the absolute,
The absolute of dignity.
Hear it whistle,
Watch it whirl,
Before it cuts you down.
For honor is an absolute.
Honor is a must
With us.
It is not right to eat a crow,
Or eat a toad,
For breakfast every morning.
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Someone who cannot hope to keep
A white plume
Unsoiled.

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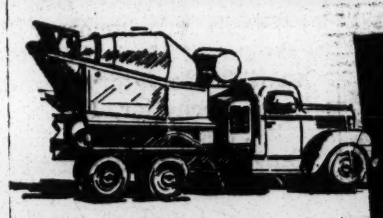

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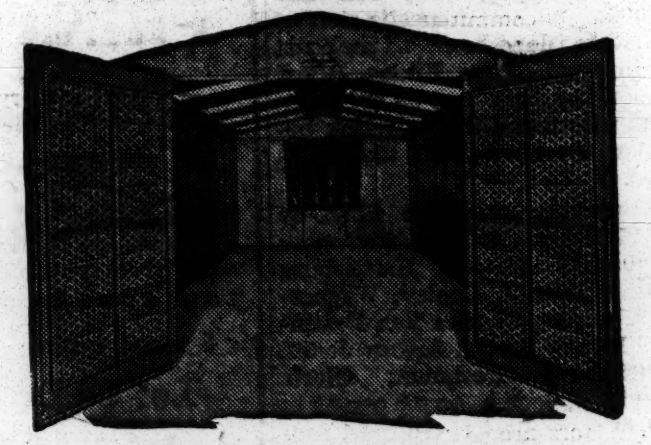

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports
6:30—Eddie Fisher
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Blondie
7:30—Life of Riley
8:00—On Trial
8:30—The Big Story
9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:45—The Leon Kelner Show
10:00—Highway Patrol
10:30—Luzianne Patio Playhouse
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

SATURDAY, MARCH 23—
6:00—Golden Playhouse
6:30—People Are Funny
7:00—Perry Como
8:00—Caesar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel
9:30—I Search For Adventure
10:00—I Led Three Lives
10:30—Western Marshall
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—
6:00—Tales of the 77th Bengal Lancers
6:30—Circus Boy
7:00—Steve Allen
8:00—Television Playhouse
9:00—Loretta Young Show
9:30—O. Henry Playhouse
10:00—Ozzie & Harriet
10:30—Navy Log
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer for Peace

MONDAY, MARCH 25—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—John Gary
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Producer5s Showcase
8:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
9:30—Man Called X
10:00—Science Fiction Theatre
10:30—Playhouse of Stars
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace

TUESDAY, MARCH 26—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Jonathan Winters
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Big Surprise
7:30—Noah's Ark
8:00—Pane Wyman Show
8:30—Circle Theatre
9:30—The Count of Monte Cristo
10:00—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30—Studio 57
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer for Peace

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Eddie Fisher
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Adventure of Hiram Holliday
7:30—Father Knows Best
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer for Peace

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Dinah Shore
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Groucho Marx
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—People Choices'
8:30—The Ford Show
9:00—Lux Video Theatre
10:00—Stage 7
10:30—I Spy
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
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FRIDAY, MARCH 22—
6:00—News and Weather
6:15—Sports Today
6:30—An American Adventure
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Dangerous Assignment
7:30—The Life of Riley
8:00—TBA
8:30—Captured
9:00—Cavalcade of Sports
9:50—Red Barber's Corner
10:00—Sou. Bell Late News
10:05—The Late Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 23—
6:30—Jimmy Swan Show
7:00—Perry Como Show
8:00—Sid Caesar's Hour
9:00—George Gobel Show
9:30—The Aemerican Legend
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show

SUNDAY, MARCH 24—
5:30—Sunday Playhouse
7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Highway Patrol
8:30—Million Dollar Premiere
10:00—The Late News

MONDAY, MARCH 25—
6:00—News and Weather
6:15—Sports Today
6:30—Nat 'King' Cole Show
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Sir Lancelot
7:30—Stanley
8:00—Ne wOrleans Police Dept.
8:30—My Little Margie
9:00—Lawrence Welk Show
10:00—Sou. Bell Late News
10:05—The Late Show

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6:00—News and Weather
6:15—The Movie Museum
6:30—Just Friends
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Big Surprise
7:30—Science Fiction Theatre
8:00—Star Performance
8:30—Man Called X
9:00—Police Call
9:30—Hold That Note
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—
6:00—News and Weather
6:15—Sports Today
6:30—Just Friends
6:45—NBC News
7:00—China Smith
7:30—Spring Fashion Show
7:45—Industry on Parade
8:00—Wrestling from Hollywood
9:00—Western Mrshal
9:30—Sherlock Holmes
10:00—Sou. Bell Late News
10:05—The Late Show

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—
6:00—News and Weather
6:15—The Movie Museum
6:30—Dinah Shore Show
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Star and the Story
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—The Great Gildersleeve
8:30—TBA
9:00—Eddy Arnold Time
9:30—Mystery Theatre
10:00—The Late News
10:05—Lawrence Welk's Top tunes and New Talent

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11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer for Peace
MONDAY, MARCH 25—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—John Gary
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Producer5s Showcase
8:30—Robert Montgomery Presents
9:30—Man Called X
10:00—Science Fiction Theatre
10:30—Playhouse of Stars
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show
12:45—Nitecap News & Sports Results
12:50—Prayer For Peace
TUESDAY, MARCH 26—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Jonathan Winters
6:45—NBC News
7:00—The Big Surprise
7:30—Noah's Ark
8:00—Pane Wyman Show
8:30—Circle Theatre
9:30—The Count of Monte Cristo
10:00—Celebrity Playhouse
10:30—Studio 57
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—
6:00—Esso Reporter
6:15—World of Sports & Weatherman
6:30—Eddie Fisher
6:45—NBC News
7:00—Adventure of Hiram Holliday
7:30—Father Knows Best
8:00—Kraft Theatre
9:00—This Is Your Life
9:30—San Francisco Beat
10:00—Douglas Fairbanks Presents
10:30—Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal
11:00—The World Tonight
11:20—The Late Show

9:30—The American Legend
10:00—The Late News
10:05—The Late Show
SUNDAY, MARCH 24—
5:30—Sunday Playhouse
7:00—Steve Allen Show
8:00—Highway Patrol
8:00—The Great Gildersleeve
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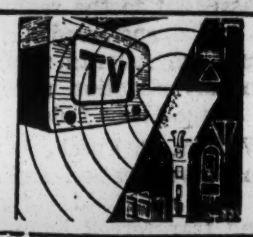

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Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

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Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . WA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

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Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

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Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

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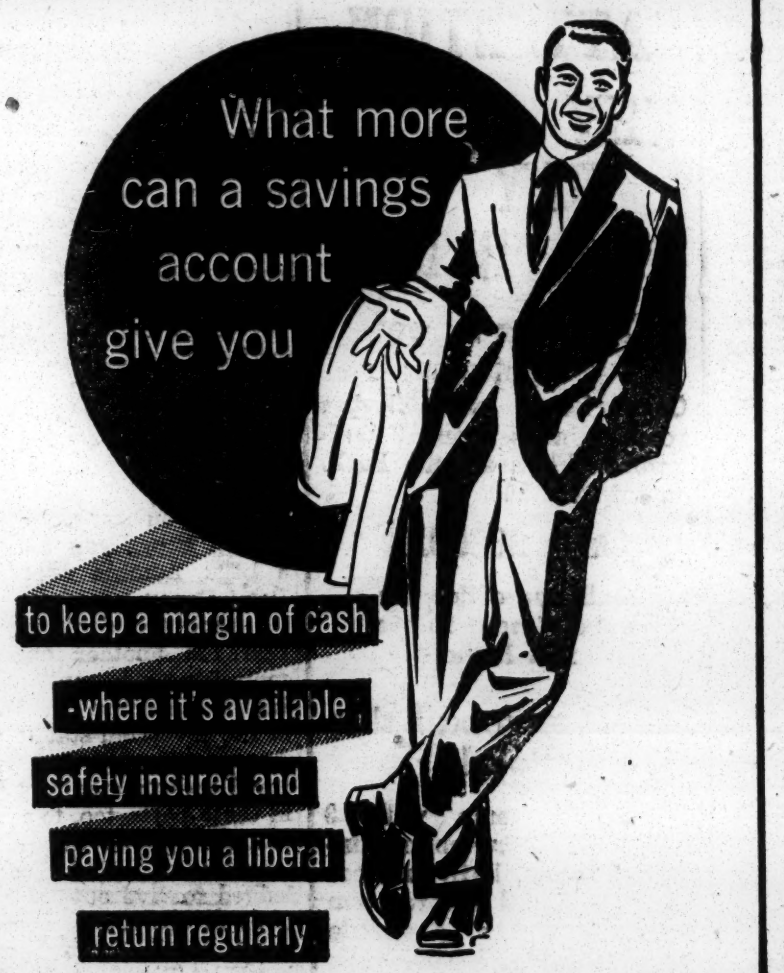
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Labor Secretary Mitchell Announces Changes In Area Wage-Hour Officials

Birmingham, Alabama, Sterling B. Williams, longtime Labor Department employee, has been named regional director of the Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions' five-state southeastern area, according to a notification received here today from Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

Mr. Williams succeeds Homer E. Krog, who is being transferred to Kansas City where he will assume the middle-western wage-hour directorship, a post made vacant by the retirement of Walter W. King.

Named as deputy regional director, the position formerly held by Mr. Williams, is James H. Ogle, fo rsome years wage-hour investigation supervisor in Birminham, and more recently a special assistant to the regional director.

Both men are career employees. Mr. Williams, whose entire government service has been with the Labor Department, in 1939 became a wage-hour investigator in Dallas, Texas, and also served in this capacity in San Antonio. Transferred to Birmingham in 1947 as regional investigation supervisor, he became deputy regional director in 1953. Before entering government service he practiced law in Austin, Texas.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1936. His service in the Navy during World War II began in 1942 and continues in regular activity wit hthe Reserves. He now holds the rank of Commander with the Naval Reerve Aviation Squadron VF-681. He is married to the former Ann Roden, of Birmingham.

Mr. Ogle, a native of Alabama, served in other federal agencies before coming with the Wage and Hour Division as an investigator in 1940. For many years he was in charge of field investigations in the state of Alabama through the Birmingham field office, a position which he held until 1955 when he was promoted to the regional director's staff.

He is a graduate of Howard College and, during World War II, was assigned to the criminal investigation division of the Army's Military Police Corps. Mr. Ogle is married to the former Marguerite Pratt.

Mr. Williams stated that he believes in the same vigorous and fair enforcement of labor laws as did his predecessor, Homer E. Krog. Under Krog, who had been director since 1952, the southeastern region had, he said, "attained a high standard of thorough investigations, correcting underpayments to hundreds of workers and upervising back wage paaments which amounted to several million dollars in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina."

Becoming effective immediately, the appointments trigger a series of other promotions throughout the Wage-Hour Division and affect several Labor Department employees in this area, he said. These include:

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Telephone Stockholders Highest Ever

The telephone business in America is owned by more people than any other company, it was pointed out by Frederick R. Kappel, President of American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

There are now 1,500,000 share owners which is nearly 2½ times greater than share owners of any other American business.

During 1956, the number of outstanding shares averaged 57,432,000. This means the average stock holder owns about 38 shares of A. T. & T. There was an increase during last year of 6,717,000 shares.

The earnings for the Bell System on total capital were 6.8% for 1956, the same as in 1955.

"Last year was a record year of financing and construction by the Bell Telephone Companies throughout the U. S.," Mr½ Kappel pointed out.

"A record amount of $2.2 billion was spent for construction in 1956. However, in 1957 we will have to spend even more to meet the demands of telephone users. We plan to spend $2.5 billion in 1957 which is the largest construction program ever undertaken by any business firm.

"The Bell System needs new capital from investors at an average rate of more than $125 million a month," Mr. Kappel concluded.

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"Ten Little Indians" Set For Production At MSC March 26-30

A busy Mississippi Southern College theatre department has announced the cast for its next major production. Agatha Christie's mystery-melodrama, "Then Little Indians," will be presented in the Little Theatre on the MSC campus Mar. 26-30. Rehearsals are now under way.

Lloyd August Parker, Biloxi junior, and Pattie Bailey, Brookhaven junior, portray Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the domestic staff of a private island home off the coast of England. Floyd Likins, Biloxi senior, has been cast as the boatman who forms the only link between the island and the mainland.

Supporting roles are filled by Carol Evans, McComb freshman; J. Dudley Watson, Hattiesburg junior; John J. Cooley, Waynesboro, senior; Charles Van Devender, Mobile junior; Arthur Jones, Hattiesburg freshman; Gloria Norris, Holcomb sophomore; D'Lawrence Laster, Gulfport senior and Roland Oesterreich, Chicago senior.

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Letters

Flint 5, Mich.
March 15, 1957

Dear P. D.

Not long ago I wrote to "Your Gem" to outline to him the plans for my "boycott Mississippi" campaign. I figured the esteemed Senator might give in to reason if I let him know of my intention to give up watermelon for Lent and to quit wearing cotton shorts.

However, after reading "The Iconoclast of Petal, Mississippi" in the current issue of The Reporter", I have decided to relax my boycott temporarily in order to send you a Yankee one-dollar bill in hopes you will mail me a back number or two of the Petal Paper.

I hope you don't take the notion I'm another one of those moralizing damyankees attempting to interfere in the affairs of the sovereign state of Ol' Miss. As a matter of fact, I feel we could use some editors with guts in these parts, too, to side in with the poor devils who, because of the color of their hides, are prviledged to live out their hopeless lives in the rotten, rickety tenements on the shores of the stinking Flint River.

Best of luck to you, but in case they decide to lynch you, why don't you spend hte dollar to buy 'em a new rope?

V. J. Ratza

(Mr. Ratza:

Nope, I ain't going to furnish the rope. For a dollar . . . I'll just take the old rope. Thanks. P.D.E)

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